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In re Application of: Xu

Serial No.: 09/885,379

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For: Methods For Eliminating The Formation Of Biofilm

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant notes that Figures 1 and 2 were inadvertently omitted and have been added. Applicant provides copies of Figures 1 and 2 for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicant submits that no new matter is added because Figures 1 and 2 were part of the specification of U.S. application serial no. 09/596,795 filed June 19, 2000, the benefit of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 and which application is fully incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to add Figures 1 and 2 which were inadvertently omitted. Since only Figures are added that were part of the specification of U.S. application serial no. 09/596,795 filed June 19, 2000, the benefit of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 and which application is fully incorporated therein by reference, there is no new matter added, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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